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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-12, drawn to an email handling method storing an email in a compartmented operating system with or without other emails according to a security policy, determining a security status for the email, applying a security status for the email identified by a security tag, further including determining the security status of the email, storing the email either in an individual compartment or in a compartment for containing plural emails, according to the determined security status, classified in class 709, subclass 206.
 - II. Claims 13-27, drawn to an email handling method, which navigates to an email stored in a compartment, opens the email within the compartment, navigating to the stored email using a first browser provided outside the compartment where the email is stored, wherein the first browser is able to only navigate to emails across compartments, providing a second browser within the compartment where the email is stored, wherein the second browser is given permission to read an email within the compartment, applying a security status to the stored email, and moving the email to a new compartment consistent with the applied security status, classified in class 713, subclass 201.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such as having email handling method storing an email in a compartmented operating system with or without other emails according to a security policy, determining a security status for the email, applying a security status for the email identified by a security tag, further including determining the security status of the email, storing the email either in an individual compartment or in a compartment for containing plural emails, according to the determined security status and lacking navigating to an email stored in a compartment, opens the email within the compartment, navigating to the stored email using a first browser provided outside the compartment where the email is stored, wherein the first browser is able to only navigate to emails across compartments, providing a second browser within the compartment where the email is stored, wherein the second browser is given permission to read an email within the compartment, applying a security status to the stored email, and moving the email to a new compartment consistent with the applied security status. Invention II has separate utility such as navigating to an email stored in a compartment, opens the email within the compartment, navigating to the stored email using a first browser provided outside the compartment where the email is stored, wherein the first browser is able to only navigate to emails across compartments, providing a second browser within the compartment where the email is stored, wherein the second browser is given

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permission to read an email within the compartment, applying a security status to the stored email, and moving the email to a new compartment consistent with the applied security status, and lacking storing an email in a compartmented operating system with or without other emails according to a security policy, determining a security status for the email, applying a security status for the email identified by a security tag, further including determining the security status of the email, storing the email either in an individual compartment or in a compartment for containing plural emails, according to the determined security status. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. Group I search (claims 1-12) would require use of search of class 709, subclass 206 (which would not be required for Group II).

6. Group II search (claims 13-27) would require use of search of class 713, subclass 201 (which would not be required for Group II).

7. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one

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or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph E. Avellino whose telephone number is (571) 272-3905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A. Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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